

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 244

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to commend Michael Thomas Maren for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Michael Thomas Maren is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham; Michael's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maren was born in Memphis on December 30, 1985, and he is a 2004 graduate of Stratford High School in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2004, Michael Maren joined the United States Navy and, from July 2005 to July 2008, he was stationed onboard the USS Alaska (SSBN 732), an Ohio Class Ballistic Missile Submarine; and

WHEREAS, he earned qualification in Submarine Warfare in September 2006 with the Silver Dolphins; and

WHEREAS, from August 2008 to July 2009, Mr. Maren served with valor and distinction as the Personnel Officer at Priority Material Office in Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, from July 2009 to April 2011, Michael Maren served as the Personnel Officer at Submarine Learning Facility in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maren left active duty in April 2011, at which time he returned to Nashville and, from May 2011 to April 2012, he served in the Naval Reserves in Smyrna; and

WHEREAS, Michael Maren completed his military service with the rank of Petty Officer First Class (E6), and he was twice awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, he attended Volunteer State Community College from July 2011 to May 2012, and he currently attends Middle Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers and maintains an exemplary grade point average while pursuing a degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Maren served an internship with U.S. Representative Diane Black's Gallatin Office from September 2011 to December 2011, and he served an internship with the Tennessee Republican Party from August 2012 to December 2012; and

WHEREAS, Michael Maren is an active and devout member of Eastland Baptist Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, he is also the proud father of Brandon Michael Maren, who was born on February 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Michael Maren brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2013 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2013 legislative session, Mr. Maren has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Michael Maren has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Michael Thomas Maren for outstanding service as a legislative intern and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.